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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte YUICHI SHIROTA, HISASHI TANAKA,  
HIROSHI NONOYAMA, KAZUSHI SHIKATA, YUKIO UEMURA,  
HIKARU SUGI and MANABU MIYATA

Appeal No. 2006-0665  
Application 09/531,531

COMMUNICATION

An ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER mailed February 1, 2006 requested that the examiner provide a certified English translation of the Japanese reference to Valeu, JP6-156,049, dated June 3, 1994, which was relied upon by the examiner in his rejection of the claims. It is noted that the certified English translation has now been furnished. Accordingly, a new appeal number will be issued and the case will be assigned in due course.

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